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ATTACHMENT TO THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE EXAMINER

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 5/19/00 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Sequence Rules were not fully complied with as required. For example, there are 10 sequences in Figure 6, only 6 of which have sequence identifiers (if the figures had been amended correctly). Also, it should be noted that the applicant used the improper procedure for correcting Figures 3 and 6 by requesting amendments to the figures because the Office does not make corrections to figures, and thus the corrections requested by the applicant cannot be properly entered. The correct process is that the applicant submits substitute figures with the corrections highlighted, requesting that the substitute figure be entered. See the appropriate section in the MPEP for the full procedure for correcting drawings. Alternatively, the sequence identifiers can be placed in the brief description of the drawings. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in

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order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Art Unit 1636 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993) and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d)). The official fax telephone numbers for the Group are (703) 308-4242 and (703) 305-3014.

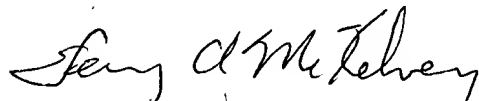
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terry A. McKelvey whose telephone number is (703) 305-7213. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, except for Wednesdays, from about 6:30 AM to about 5:00 PM. A phone message left at this number will be responded to as soon as possible (usually no later than 24 hours after receipt by the examiner).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. George Elliott, can be reached on (703) 308-4003.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.



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